Record of the Meeting of the Liquor and Lottery Control Board held **April 10, 2019** at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont.

**Members Present:** Martin Manahan, Chair, Ed Flanagan, Wesley Lawrence, Sabina

Haskell, Patrick Delaney, Commissioner

Others Present: Jacob Humbert, AAG, Martin Prevost, Skyler Genest, Melissa

Maggiolo (So. Glaziers Sales Manager), and Jo Perreault,

Administrative Assistant.

## Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

## **Board Action:**

• Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: New Store, Charlotte.

- JRS Corp. Deleted Now in compliance with the Tax Department
- Approval of Board action on Consent Agenda 9 item for meeting held March 13, 2019. Tabled to May meeting. Motion approved.
- Motion to move the entire Agenda. Motion approved.
- **1. Public Comment:** None.

### 5. Licensing:

## New Licenses being approved by the Board.

- Martin Prevost. Continue with the status quo re issuance of new licenses. No changes protocol. Wants to retain the threshold of 3 &10 years. Chair requested policy in writing in the event of a change.
- Kim Walker: Requesting Board approval to move forward re new store in Charlotte.

### 3. Enforcement:

• Aminah and Rayhan, LLC, d/b/a Ludlow Shell, 129 Main Street, Ludlow. Violation of Education Regulation 3(b). Docket #2019-007.

Jacob – Presented issues to Board, with Exhibits. Recommended

1-day license suspension and need to be shown on record.

Investigator Ladd Wilbur testified re Clerk training.

Aminah Rayhan: Number of years in business. Good record re compliance.

Honest mistake. Does not feel 1-day suspension appropriate.

• Warren Miller d/b/a The Elmore Store, Route 12, Lake Elmore re Violation of General Regulation 13. Docket #2019-006

Jacob - Events of a tobacco compliance check on 12/6/18.

Investigators Patrick Ross, John Centabar and T.M. (youth involved) testified re events of 12/6/18, need for an FDA Officer and fines given.

Warren Miller – Number of years in business. Admitted to violation. Expressed hardship. Asked Board's consideration re waiver of fine and inquired as to Appeal process.

Recessed @ 10:30 a.m. / Resumed @ 10:40 a.m.

#### 3. Commissioner Comments:

- Patrick Delaney Advised re March sales and year-to-date.
   Legislative update. H.13 Liquor Omnibus Bill. (Copy attached). Working with Legislature to move forward. Meetings requested with VBA.
   Testimony to Legislature re: Standard 5% excise tax for all DLC spirits; Tobacco age increase proposal; Addictive gambling help services; Commissioner Cole has initial RFP draft for consideration re warehouse and officing DLL staff.
- Ongoing discussion with the Brewers Association.
- Spoke with Commissioner Cole re temporary warehouse storage and security requirements needed.
- Rick Management on board re an Insurance Policy Rider at a cost \$26,000 annually.
- Transitions re Melanie Gaiotti and Cheryl Mower. Need to fill Director of Education position. Financial support available from NBCA.
- Signage Project Work completed, scheduled and stores permitted.
- IT project Most of the work done. Project to be completed end of July. Lottery Director back part-time. Financial Specialist 3 on board. Weekly sales good; Next Tri-state meeting May.

Motion by Ed, seconded by Sabina for the Board to go into Deliberative Session at 11:37 a.m. Motion approved. Out at 12:00 noon.

Motion by Ed, seconded by Sabina for the Board to go into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. Motion Approved. Patrick, Gary and Wesley invited to return.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

# **NEXT MEETING – MAY 8, 2019**